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U.S. Labor Department's MSHA Seeks to Hire Mine Inspectors ***Positions Available Throughout Southern Part of West Virginia***

ARLINGTON, Va.—The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is continuing efforts to hire new mine inspectors by conducting on-site applicant screenings Jan. 19-21, 2007 at the National Mine Health and Safety Academy, 1301 Airport Road in Beaver, W.Va.

"MSHA is interested in hiring professionals who are willing to help our agency keep U.S. mines safe by preventing accidental injuries and fatalities," said Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "We're looking for qualified people who will continue to make safety the number one priority for the mining industry."

MSHA is the federal agency charged with inspection of mining operations nationwide for adherence to regulations designed to protect the safety and health of working miners. The agency is recruiting coal mine inspectors for surface, underground and electrical positions in Logan, Madison, Mt. Carbon, Mt. Hope, Pineville, Princeton and Summerville, W.Va.

Walk-in candidates are welcome to attend, subject to space availability, and all persons attending the screening should bring a completed resume and photo identification. Check the MSHA Web site at www.msha.gov to confirm the status of the screenings before traveling to the site.

Applicants will be notified of test results and selected candidates will participate in a two-year formal training program. Applicants must be able to efficiently perform arduous duties. Selected applicants at the GS-9 level will receive a starting salary of about \$43,000 annually. For additional information, please visit the Inspector Career Trainee Program Web site at www.msha.gov/Inspectors/InspectorsInternProgram.asp.

Applicant screenings are scheduled as follows:

Jan. 19, 2007 – Testing Sessions ONLY, No Interviews

Registration begins at 7 a.m. & ends at 8 a.m. when testing starts

Registration begins at noon. & ends at 1 p.m. when testing starts

Candidates successfully passing tests will be scheduled for an interview on Saturday or Sunday morning.

Jan. 20 & 21, 2007 -Pre-Registration on a walk-in basis

Registration for all candidates begins at 7 a.m. and ends at 8 a.m. when testing starts

Walk-in Registration – 9 a.m. to noon.

Walk-in Registration – 3 to 6 p.m.

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